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The House met at 10 a.m.

Rev. Fred Lucci, Director, All Saints Catholic Newman Center, Arizona State University, offered the following prayer:

Gracious and loving God, creator and source of everything that is good, You have blessed us in ways beyond anything we could have imagined for ourselves. Please always keep us mindful that every good thing we have, every possession, every talent, every relationship, our health and very life itself is a gift from You. Mindful of these blessings, make us always-generous people in Your own image.

Look now upon this assembly and fill them with the spirit of Your wisdom. May every decision they make reflect Your goodness, promote and protect the dignity of every member of our society, especially the weakest and most vulnerable among us, and be for the peace and well-being of all.

Finally, loving God, we place into Your healing hands our brother, Senator EDWARD KENNEDY. Please give him strength and comfort him, his family, and all who love him.

We ask You this in hope, Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. WALZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2517. An act to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act to authorize appropriations; and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 354. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 100th birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President, designer of the Great Society, politician, educator, and civil rights enforcer.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 431. An act to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

S. Con Res. 79. Concurrent resolution congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on its 40th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States.

WELCOMING FATHER FRED LUCCI

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. MITCHELL) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, my guest today, Father Fred Lucci, is the Director of the All Saints Catholic Newman Center in Tempe, which I have attended for more than 40 years.

I am proud Father Fred, as those of us in Tempe call him, could join us today because he is my pastor and my friend. In fact, he is a friend and mentor to the thousands of parishioners at the Newman Center.

Father Fred has a good heart and a special gift. While it may be easy to provide guidance to long-time parishioners like myself, Father Fred continues to have a positive influence on the lives of thousands of students at Arizona State.

In the 1980s, freshman Fred Lucci arrived at Arizona State University's campus with a music scholarship and his clarinet. His ability to connect with students has endured today. Today, Father Fred is a fixture on campus, easily recognized, eager to listen, and always faithful and helpful in guiding students to strengthen their own spiritual relationships. He has led humanitarian missions and pilgrimages that have lifted the souls of all who participate.

Throughout his years in the priesthood, Father Fred has helped students who need it most find their strength within. In the process, he has made Arizona State a more compassionate campus one student at a time. And he has built a parish that has helped shape Tempe into a more decent and caring community.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

POLITICALLY AND RELIGIOUSLY CORRECT SPEECH—IN EUROPE

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, freedom of speech is one of the most basic of all human rights. However, more and more European countries are arresting individuals for insult speech. Speech to be free must allow individuals to criticize religion and government.

The first amendment protecting speech and press is first because it's the most important. But in Europe, speech must be politically and religiously correct. Criticize or insult another person's religion and you're likely to be hauled off to prison thanks to

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